

Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley

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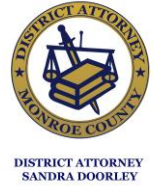
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Weekly Newsletter



Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

Message from Sandra Doorley

Car Thefts – Be Aware of your Surroundings

Earlier this week, the Monroe County Police Chiefs Association warned the community about the surge of local carjackings. This is accurate and very important. Below are the approximate numbers by year of new car theft cases that came to our office:

2017 – 305
2018 – 319
2019 – 336
2020 – 242
2021 – 357 as of 9/30/21

As you can see, this year has already reached a five-year-high for auto thefts, and that is only for the first three quarters of the year. Below are some trends of these thefts, as identified by the Monroe County Police Chiefs Association:

1. Residential neighborhoods are being targeted overnight, notably unlocked vehicles.
2. More victims are being forced out of their vehicles by threat of physical force or the display of a weapon.
3. Residential homes are being entered, often overnight, by locating an unlocked door or window. Once inside the home, these offenders locate the keys on a kitchen counter.

Here are some tips and suggestions to better protect yourself and your family from these crimes, also identified by the Monroe County Police Chiefs Association:

1. If you are confronted with a weapon or physical force, surrender the vehicle. A car is replaceable, a life is not!
2. Leave outside house lights on during the night.
3. Keep your house doors and windows locked.
4. Keep your car locked.
5. Don't leave a spare set of keys in your parked vehicle.
6. Don't leave any firearms in your vehicle.



Homicide Update

So far in 2021:

City of Rochester Total: 68

Monroe County Total: 76

7. *If you see your car dome light in the middle of the night, or see anyone checking unlocked cars by walking up and down driveways, quietly call 911 and provide as much information as you can.*

My office will continue to work with the Police Departments throughout Monroe County to identify these offenders and bring justice to the victims. Please stay aware of your surroundings and stay safe!

Sandra

Tyrique Griffin

Tyrique Griffin was arraigned in Rochester City Court on October 27, 2021, on one count of Murder in the 2nd Degree and one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the shooting death of Keegan Whitley. Tyrique Griffin has three open warrants, including one from out of state and multiple bench warrants. He was remanded without bail.

On November 3, 2021, a bail hearing was set in front of the Part I Monroe County Court judge. The prosecutor requested \$250,000 cash, \$500,000 bond, \$1,000,000 partially secured bond. The judge set the bail at \$10,000 cash, \$25,000 bond, \$50,000 partially secured bond. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Greg Clark, of the Special Investigations Bureau and is pending grand jury action.

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

Marcos Rodriguez pled guilty to Robbery in the 1st Degree and is expected to be sentenced to 10 years in the New York State Department of Corrections in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento. This plea comes after Marcos Rodriguez committed an armed robbery of a gas station on February 19, 2020. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kristen Sippel, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Brian Parker was indicted on Burglary in the 1st Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree and Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree. These charges stem from an armed burglary that occurred on January 20, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Maritza Santos was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree for an illegal weapons incident on March 21, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Zhanir Washington was indicted on two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree. These charges are in relation to events that occurred on April 27, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

MCDA in the Community



On Wednesday, November 3, Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley presented at the Brighton Citizens Police Academy. DA Doorley spoke about the office and the issues our community is facing. Thank you to the Brighton residents and the Brighton Police Department for the engaging discussion.

The Monroe County District Attorney's Office has adopted five large families to provide a full Thanksgiving Day dinner. If you are interested in adopting a family to help ensure everyone who wants a dinner in our community has one, please reach out to Primetime585 at

<https://www.facebook.com/Primetime-Learning-Academy-108869610926268/> or <https://twitter.com/PrimetimeBall>



MCDA in the News

<https://13wham.com/news/local/plea-bargain-delayed-for-defendant-accused-of-stabbing-rpd-officer>

<https://www.whec.com/rochester-new-york-news/man-accused-of-stabbing-rpd-officer-wright-officer-given-2nd-opinion-on-plea-deal/6290056/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2021/10/29/west-irondequoit-school-counselor-scott-steinberg-child-porn-charges/6195985001/>

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/rochester/public-safety/2021/10/29/west-irondequoit-school-counselor-charged-with-possession-of-child-porn>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/west-irondequoit-school-counselor-facing-child-porn-charges/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/some-court-cases-slogging-away-in-system-due-to-slowdowns>



Election Day Football

With Monroe County being closed on election day, the Monroe County District Attorney's Office has held an Election Day Football tradition for years. Each year, the misdemeanor assistant district attorneys take on the felony assistant district attorneys for a friendly competition. This year, our felony attorneys won 8 – 1. Congratulations and thank you to captains Patrick Gallagher and Elizabeth Buckley!

WE'RE HIRING

We are hiring attorneys and support staff! If you are a recent law school graduate or an experienced attorney and are interested in a career in criminal law and public service, apply with us today! More information is available on monroecounty.gov/da.